

Amendments to the Claims

This listing will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims

1. (Currently Amended) A topical ectoparasiticidal formulation comprising: from about 0.1 to about 25 weight percent of an ectoparasiticide, selected from a spinosyn, or a physiologically acceptable derivative or salt thereof[, and cyperpyrethrin]]; from about 25 to about 99.9 weight percent of a (C₃-C₆) branched alkyl (C₁₀-C₂₀) alkanoate spreading agent; and up to about 70 weight percent of a miscibilizing agent compatible with organic solvent systems.

2. (Original) A formulation of Claim 1 wherein the spreading agent is a (C₃-C₆) branched alkyl (C₁₂-C₁₆) alkanoate.

3. (Original) A formulation of Claim 2 wherein the (C₃-C₆) branched alkyl (C₁₂-C₁₆) alkanoate is isopropyl myristate.

4. (Withdrawn) A formulation of Claim 1, 2 or 3 wherein the miscibilizing agent is selected from formic, acetic, propionic, benzoic, butyric, valeric, caproic, enanthic, caprylic, pelargonic, capric, undecylic, lauric, tridecylic, myristic, pentadecylic, palmitic, margaric, stearic, oleic, arachidic, behenic, lignoceric, cerotic, montanic, triacontanoic, psyllic, or ceroplastic acids.

5. (Withdrawn) A formulation of Claim 1, 2 or 3 or 4, which further comprises a miscibilizing agent selected from benzyl alcohol, ethylene glycol phenyl ether, D-limonene, N-methyl-2-pyrrolidinone, methylated soybean oils and soybean oil methyl esters.

6. (Withdrawn) A formulation of Claim 1, 2, 3, 4 or 5 which further comprises an effective amount of an antimicrobial agent.

7. (Currently Amended) An article of manufacture, comprising packaging material and contained within said packaging material a topical formulation for controlling an ectoparasite infestation on a small ruminant or companion animal, wherein said formulation comprises a topical unit dose of a formulation of Claim 1, 2[, 3, 4, 5 or 6]or 3; and, wherein said packaging material comprises a label or package insert with instructions for topically administering the dose to the animal.

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8. (Currently Amended) A method of controlling an ectoparasite infestation on a small ruminant or companion animal, comprising topically applying to the hair and/or skin of the animal a formulation of Claim 1, 2[[, 3, 4, 5 or 6]]or 3.

9. (Original) The method of Claim 8 wherein the formulation is applied using a spot-on protocol.

10. (Original) The method of Claim 8 wherein the formulation is applied using a pour-on protocol.

11. (Cancelled)

12. (Previously Presented) A topical ectoparasiticidal formulation comprising from 0.1 to 25 weight percent of a spinosyn, or a physiologically acceptable derivative or salt thereof; from 25 to 99 weight percent of isopropyl myristate and from 0.6 to 40 weight percent of a miscibilizing agent compatible with organic solvent systems, selected from acetic, lauric, octanoic, oleic and benzoic acids and N-methyl-2-pyrrolidinone.

13. (Previously Presented) A formulation of Claim 1 wherein the miscibilizing agent is oleic acid.

14. (Currently Amended) An article of manufacture, comprising packaging material and contained within said packaging material a topical formulation for controlling an ectoparasite infestation on a small ruminant or companion animal, wherein said formulation comprises

a topical unit dose of a formulation of Claim 1 or 2Claim 12 or 13; and, wherein said packaging material comprises a label or package insert with instructions for topically administering the dose to the animal.

15. (Currently Amended) A method of controlling an ectoparasite infestation on a small ruminant or companion animal, comprising topically applying to the animal a formulation of Claim 1 or 2Claim 12 or 13.